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Title: *"Methods and Apparatus for Improved Security Services"*
Art Unit: 2163
Attorney Reference: MET580/4-001US

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office is the Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated January 12, 2007 for the above-referenced patent application.

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Examiner: Cheryl Maria Shechtman

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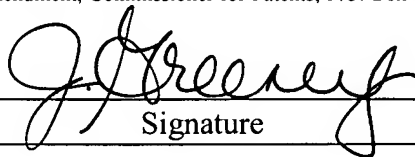
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2007

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Dear Examiner Shechtman:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office action dated January 12, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the appended arguments/remarks.

RESPONSE

In her Office Action of January 12, 2007, the Examiner:

- rejected claims 53-60 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph;
- rejected claims 49-52 and 61-64 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,370,582 (Lim et al);
- rejected claims 53-55, 58, 59, and 65-67 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim et al, in view of US Patent No. 6,449,611 (Frankel et al), and further in view of US Publication 2002/0069145 (Collado et al);
- rejected claims 56 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim et al, in view of US Publication 2003/0115023 (Nickerson et al);
- rejected claim 60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim et al in view of Frankel et al, in view of Collado et al, and further in view of Nickerson et al;
- rejected claims 68-72 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim et al, in view of Frankel et al, Collado et al, and Nickerson et al; and
- rejected claim 73 under 35 U.S.C. as being unpatentable over Lim et al in view of Frankel et al, Collado et al, and further in view of Nickerson et al.

ARGUMENT

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify language that the Examiner found to be unclear. Further, Applicant respectfully argues that the Examiner's interpretation of the disclosure provided by the Nickerson et al reference and the application of this reference to the claims of the instant application is incorrect.

In contrast to the claims of the present invention, the Nickerson et al reference is directed to soliciting user feedback regarding the user's reaction to web site pages. Nickerson et al teaches that an icon soliciting user feedback can be provided without requiring the user to go to another web page. Nickerson et al does not disclose any requirement that the user provide feedback to the system before the user can move to another web page, much less require the submission of a report by a security officer before the office can "clock out."

Applicant respectfully argues that the claims are allowable as amended.